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SUBJECT: EC PROPOSAL FOR VEGETABLE OIL TAX

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1. WE DISCUSSED EC DAIRY REFORM PACKAGE AND SUBJECT TAX WITH MOA OFFICIAL. BELGIAN POSITION ON REFORM PACKAGE APPEARS TO BE AN "ALL OR NOTHING" PROPOSITION. IF EC COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS DECIDES TO IMPLEMENT A PRODUCER CO-RESPONSIBILITY TAX, BELGIANS WILL PUSH HARD FOR TAX ON VEGETABLE OILS. HOWEVER, SINCE U.K., GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO VEGETABLE OIL TAX, BELGIANS BELIEVE WHOLE DAIRY REFORM PACKAGE MAY FAIL.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH "ALL OR NOTHING" ATTITUDE IS OFFICIAL POSITION, WE SUSPECT BELGIANS ARE OPPOSED TO DAIRY REFORM PACKAGE IN GENERAL AND PRODUCER CO-RESPONSIBILITY TAX IN PARTICULAR.
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THEREFORE, BY INSISTING THAT OIL TAX BE INCLUDED IN PACKAGE,

BELGIANS MAY BE TRYING INDIRECTLY TO DEFEAT PRODUCER CO-RESPONSIBILITY TAX.FIRESTONE

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